

Dwelling Unit

One or more rooms used as a place of residence for one family which includes a kitchen and a bathroom. Some common examples include a single family house, a mobile home, an apartment unit, or a condominium (condo) unit.

Dwelling Units per Acre

A commonly used measurement of residential density is the number of dwelling units situated on an acre of land. For example, a small apartment building with 8 units situated on 2 acres of land would have 4 dwelling units per acre. One acre of land is 43,560 square feet; this is about 75% of the area of one football field (including both end zones).



Single Family Residential (detached)

- Residential building with 1 dwelling unit
- No walls are shared with other buildings



Twin Home / Townhouse

- Residential building with 2 or 3+ dwelling units
- Dwelling units share a common wall
- Dwelling units are on separate lots



Duplex / Triplex / Quadruplex

- Residential building with 2, 3, or 4 dwelling units
- Dwelling units share a common wall and/or ceiling
- Dwelling units are on the same lot



Intermediate-Density Multifamily Residential

- Multiple dwelling units on the same lot
- Between 8.1 and 18 dwelling units per acre
- Common recreation area required for 40+ units



High-Density Multifamily Residential

- Multiple dwelling units on the same lot
- Over 18 dwelling units per acre
- Common recreation area required for 40+ units